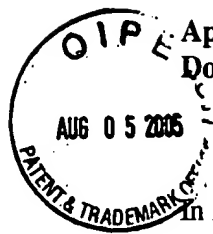


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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for allowing the above-identified application. While reviewing the file history of the above-identified application, Applicants noticed that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on September 20, 2000, its corresponding Form 1449, and two references cited therein were not considered by the Examiner.

/ Exhibit A is a copy of the postcard filed along with the IDS. It is stamped by OIPE as received on September 20, 2000. The IDS, its corresponding Form 1449 filed on September 20, 2000, are attached hereto as Exhibit B. ✓

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the cited references, properly initial the Form 1449 to evince that the Examiner has considered the references, and return the initialed Form 1449 to Applicants.